

REMARKS

Drawings: Fig. 3 has been corrected as suggested by Examiner. A corrected replacement sheet is attached.

Claim Objections: The objections based upon informalities in the claims as set forth on Page 2 of the Official action have been corrected by this amendment

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 112, second paragraph: All of the indefiniteness, as set forth on pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action which led to this rejection, has been corrected in the present amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Amendment to the claims

The claims have been amended to limit the claimed invention to Applicants' inventive embodiment wherein each of the client stations providing power permits the power service broker access, via the Web, to their available computer power, and the broker then distributes, via the Web, to these client stations (providing the computer power) a process enabling the broker to access the computer power of a client station.

Claims 1-5 and 8-12 include the above described elements. Claims 6-7 and 13-14 which have been cancelled were specific to combinations including all of the elements of the amended claims.

In order to rewrite the computer program claims so as to put these claims in better form, and to cover an invention corresponding in scope to the amended system and method claims, computer program claims 15-20 have been cancelled and rewritten as new claims 21-25.

The correspondence of the new to cancelled claims follows:

Claim 15.....	claim 21
" 16.....	" 22
" 17.....	" 23
" 18.....	" 24

Since the elements of cancelled claims 6-7 and 13-14 have been respectively incorporated into independent claims 1 and 8, and new independent claim 21 by this amendment, it will be argued that:

Claims 1-5, 8-12, and 21-25 are not anticipated, and thus patentable under 35 USC102(e) over McKnight (2002/0165819)

Accordingly, it is submitted that remaining amended claims 1-5, 8-12, and 21-25 are patentable under 35 USC 102(e) as not anticipated by McKnight et al. (US2002/0165,819). The invention as defined in the amended claims cover an embodiment wherein:

- each of the client stations providing power permits the power service broker access, via the Web, to their available computer power, and
- the broker then distributes, via the Web, to these client stations (providing the computer power) a process enabling the broker to access the computer power of a client station.

McKnight does generally disclose a variety of computer power distribution functions including soliciting power from client stations, distributing such power to a set of consumers, tracking consumer usage, and carrying out appropriate collection and payment to client stations. However, McKnight fails to disclose the above mentioned combination of underlined elements.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the teaching of McKnight does not anticipate the invention defined in the

amended claims under 35 U.S.C. 102. The MPEP in Section 706.02IV sets forth that the reference must teach every aspect of the claimed invention either explicitly or impliedly. McKnight does not disclose the combination:

each of the client stations providing power permits the power service broker access, via the Web, to their available computer power, and

broker then distributes a process enabling the broker to access the computer power of a client station.

The Rejection of Dependent claims 2-3, 5, 9-10, 12, and 22-23 under 35 USC 103(a) over above McKnight in view of Burnett (US2004/0093295) is respectfully Traversed.

Claims 2-3, 5, 9-10, 12, and 22-23 are submitted to be patentable over the basic McKnight publication for all of the reasons set forth hereinabove for the patentability of Independent claims 1, 8, and 21 from which these claims respectively depend. In addition these claims respectively claim further individual functions such as determining market value of the provided computer power; or paying the client stations such market value; or determining value based upon the type of data processed; or billing for such services by creating bills as Web documents. Even it be conceded that these further functions are suggested by Burnett, it remains respectfully submitted that these dependent claims are patentable for all of the reasons set forth for the patentability of their independent claims.

The Rejection of Dependent claims 4, 11, and 24 under 35 USC 103(a) over above McKnight in view of Burnett(US2004/0093295 Further in view of Shuster (2002/0165819) is respectfully Traversed.

Claims 4, 11, and 24 are submitted to be patentable over the basic McKnight publication for all of the reasons

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set forth hereinabove for the patentability of Independent claims 1, 8, and 21 from which these claims respectively depend. In addition these claims respectively claim further individual functions wherein the computer power consumers are owned by charitable organizations, and a Web document indicating the donation to the contribution of the charitable organization is the given in compensation to the client stations contributing such computer power. Here again, even it be conceded that these further functions are suggested by Burnett in view of Shuster, it remains respectfully submitted that these dependent claims are patentable for all of the reasons set forth for the patentability of their independent claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that Claims 1-5, 8-12, and 21-25 are now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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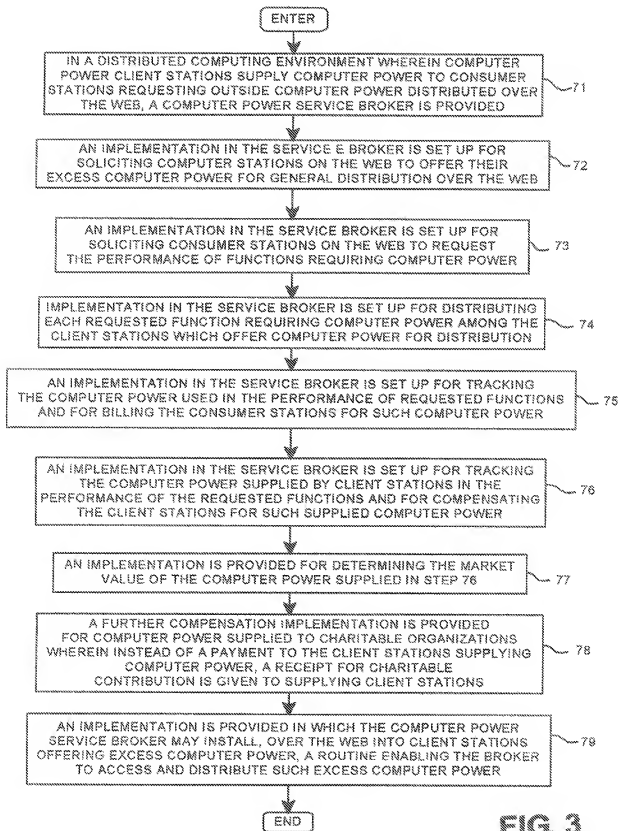


FIG. 3